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Judge rejects delay on 'don't ask' decision

RIVERSIDE — A federal judge has denied a government request to delay her order halting the military from enforcing

U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips issued her ruling Tuesrnings issued ner riting tues-day after saying the govern-ment had not proven that her order would harm troops or impede efforts to implement new military regulations to deal with openly gay troops.

Justice Department officials say the Obama administration will appeal to the appellate court in San Francisco.

The military has promised to abide by her order as long as it remains in place.

Phillips declared the "don't

ask, don't tell" policy unconsti-tutional Sept. 9. Under the 1993 law, the military cannot inquire into service members' sexual orientation and punish them for it as long as they keep

The military is accepting openly gay recruits for the first time in the nation's history, even as it tries in the courts to slow the movement to abolish its "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

The Defense Department has said it would comply with U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips' order and had frozen any discharge cases. Pentagon spokeswoman Cynthia Smith said recruiters had been given top-level guidance to accept applicants who say they are

Recruiters also have been

on enforcement of the policy could be reversed at any time,

While activists were going to enlist, gay rights groups were continuing to tell service meunbers to avoid revealing that they are gay, fearing they could find themselves in trouble should the law be reinstated.

"What people aren't really getting is that the discretion

and caution that gay troops are showing now is exactly the same standard of conduct that they will adhere to when the ban is lifted permanently," said Aaron Belkin, executive direc-tor of the Palm Center, a think tank on gavs and the military at UC Santa Barbara "Ves a few will try to become celebri-

Around the **STATE**

Ad: Whitman clone of Schwarzenegger

SACRAMENTO — Democratic gubernatorial candidate
Jerry Brown began airing a
campaign ad Tuesday casting
his rival as a political clone of
Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a
comparison Meg Whitman
promptly dismissed by saying
most of the governor's experience came in Hollywood and
not "the real world."

The 60-second ad shows

The 60-second ad shows side-by-side footage of Whit-man and Schwarzenegger making similar comments about their business experience, inde-pendence and leadership leadership

Brown's statewide ad is a direct attempt to tie Whitman direct attempt to tie Whitman to Schwarzenegger, a Jr. Institute annual preamast.

"And so I want to ask all of you to do everything you can to favor with voters as California's budget troubles have worsened.

"And so I want to ask all of you to do everything you can to make everyone vote 'no' on this proposition." the governor said at the breakfast.

Governor urges 'no' vote on Prop. 23

SACRAMENTO - Gov Arnold Schwarzenegger said Tuesday he doesn't just want to defeat the November ballot measure that would suspend the state's greenhouse gas emissions law - he wants voters to trounce it to to encourage law-makers and officials in Wash-ington to create a new national energy policy.

Speaking in San Francisco, Schwarzenegger characterized Proposition 23 as a battle between out-of-state oil interenvironmental and progress

companies, they don't like our environmental laws," the Republican governor told the audience at the Willie L. Brown Jr. Institute annual breakfast.

Man who played Boy in Tarzan film dies

CHULA VISTA - Johnny Sheffield, who played the character Boy in the Targan movies of the 1930s and '40s, has died at age 79.

His wife. Patty Sheffield, told His wife, Patry Sheffield, told the Los Angeles Times that he died Friday of a heart attack at his home here. She says he fell off a ladder while pruning a palm tree four hours earlier. Johnny Sheffield beat out

Johnny Sincheld beat out more than 300 other young-sters for the role of Boy in the 1939 movie "Tarzan Finds a Son!" and went on to co-star with Johnny Wiessmuller in seven more Tarzan films.

He later played another jun-gle boy. Bomba, in a dozen mov-ies but quit the business after the last one 1955. Johnny Sheffield went on to

earn a business degree and worked for various companies and in contracting and real



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